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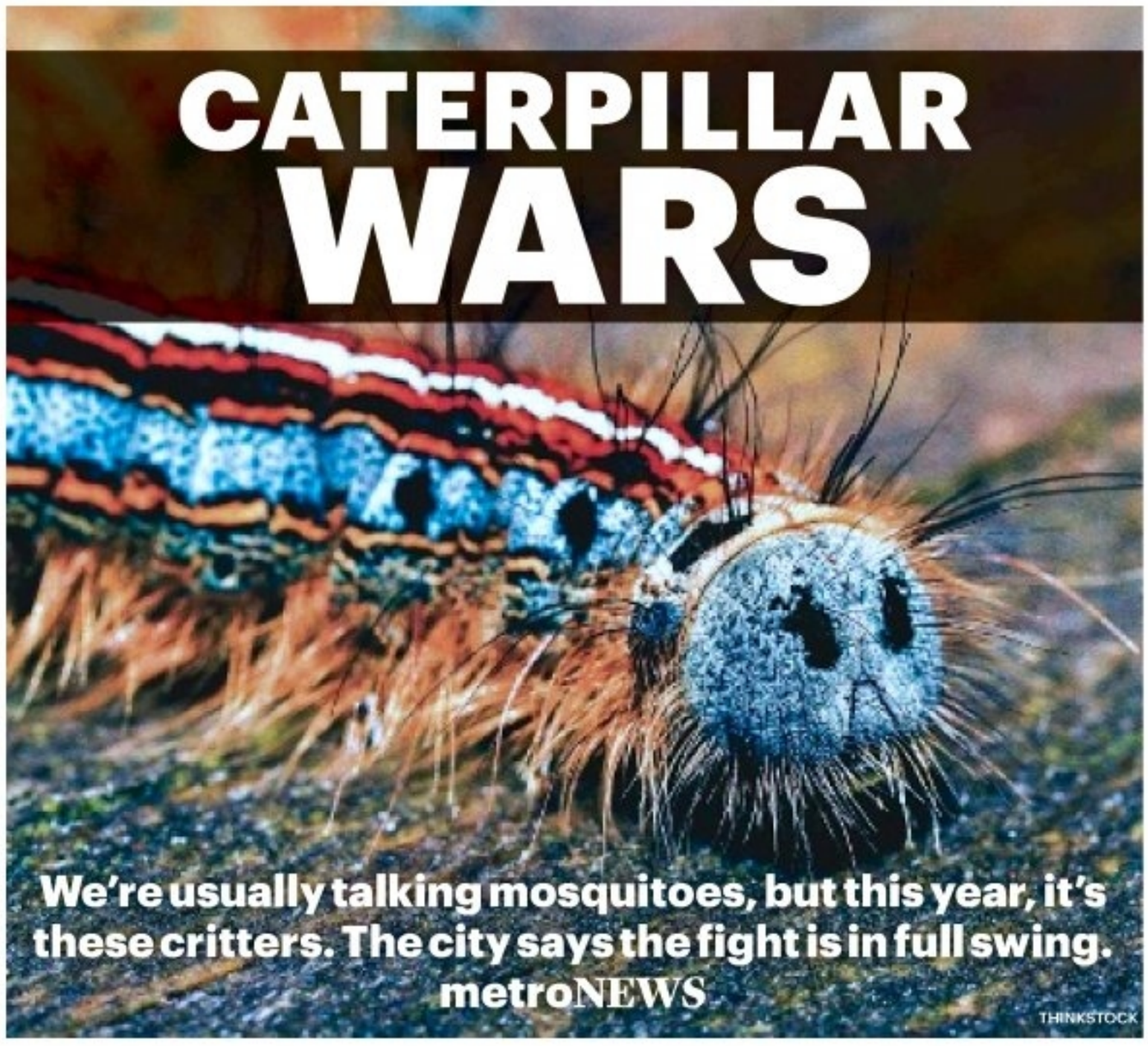
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INFRASTRUCTURE

Minister in Winnipeg to discuss first phase of Liberals' program

Stephanie Taylor
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The federal infrastructure minister has assured Canada's big city mayors that despite criteria required to receive millions under the first stage of his government's infrastructure program, there will be flexibility on project-by-project basis.

Amarjeet Sohi was in Winnipeg to meet with members of the Federation of the Canadian Municipalities' Big City Mayors' Caucus Thursday to discuss details on the first phase of the Liberals' infrastructure program, which will see billions earmarked for transit and waste water upgrades.

He said the money will be allocated for repairs to existing infrastructure, retroactive to April 1, as well as fund the planning, even building of new projects, so long as they are complete by March 2018.

"Having said that, we will be working very closely with each municipality in each province to understand their needs and, if there's a flexibility required on a particular project-to-project basis, we will work with our local communities," Sohi said.

"This is about ensuring that we are here to support local communities. Your federal government is not here to tell municipalities what to do and how to build infrastructure."

That means Winnipeg will receive its fair share in regard to the $80 million-plus our city is in line to receive in transit cash.

Mayor Brian Bowman wouldn't say whether the city would ask the feds' permission to put these funds toward the second phase of the southwest bus rapid transit extension, scheduled to be complete by 2019, or for the construction of a new corridor, connecting Transcona to downtown.

The feds have already committed $140 million to the nearly $550 million it will cost to extend a bus rapid transit line to the University of Manitoba.

But when asked, Bowman wouldn't rule out using the millions to purchase 30 new buses, as was discussed by a city committee earlier in the week.

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Ridership declined in 2015

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Transit use rebounding so far this year, director says

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Winnipeg Transit says their ridership numbers have been rising steadily in 2016, but last year's fell due to gas prices, declining 3.2 per cent from 2014 to 2015. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

A blitz to get downtown workers out of their cars and onto buses is an effort to increase usage of the bus system after years of fairly steady ridership numbers was interrupted by a slight decline in 2015.

After hitting a five-year high in 2014 with 49, 867, 683 trips, Winnipeg Transit saw a 3.2 per cent drop in ridership last year.

Winnipeg Transit boss Dave Wardrop said the system has "started to see some rebound in ridership," but hard numbers aren't available for 2016 yet.

"There was a trend overall of a drop in ridership in 2015 (across Canada)," he said. "That was largely attributed to the decrease in gasoline prices and (increased) competitiveness of alternative modes."

When asked what initiatives contribute to getting more people to use transit in the city, Wardrop leaned on what he calls the pillars of Winnipeg Transit, and its biggest projects.

"We focus on safety, accessibility, customer information systems, and convenience," he said. "We've seen that build our ridership and have steady growth in ridership in virtually every year — except the decline we saw in 2015 — for a decade now."

Indeed, transit has increased the city at a greater rate greater than its population growth nearly perennially, and those pillars have largely been tended to.

"And there are a number of very, very big projects — historic projects — that are underway right now," Wardrop said.

After recently selecting the preferred bidder for stage two of the Southwest Rapid Transitway in May, major construction on the $587 million project is expected to get formally underway this summer.

Wardrop also said the contract for a functional study to plot the Eastern Corridor to connect the rapid transit system to Transcona will be awarded in the fall.

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> Dave Wardrop

"It's a very exciting time for transit and transit users," he said.

Transit Users

However, some transit users might not agree.

Transit advocate Joseph Kornelsen said creating high-speed corridors doesn't do much to improve the system from a user standpoint, or attract new users, unless bus frequency increases with it.

"The biggest thing is increasing frequency, that is by far and away the best way to increase ridership — it's been proven in city after city," he said. "Rapid transit isn't just buses on a designated corridor, it should be frequent buses on (and feeding into) the corridor."

His advocacy and that of his group, Functional Transit Winnipeg, accepts that in a cash-strapped city like Winnipeg, the most cost-effective way of improving the system is reducing wait-times with buses that come more often.

Kornelsen criticizes the Southwest corridor as impractical and said he hopes the route East serves existing users and is accessible by a larger number of existing homes and businesses.

Federal dollars

Although Winnipeg is outspent by similar-sized cities like Edmonton, which spends around 25 per cent more on transit annually, new money for transit infrastructure from the federal government is on the way.

Around $83 million could be Winnipeg's to spend, according to Wardrop, but with nothing published on the criteria, he's not sure how it can be used yet.

"Until we've got some better clarity around the eligibility of the specific projects or programs it would be premature to disqualify anything," Wardrop said. "Right now they're looking at projects for completion by March 2018, whether or not there are particular project elements within a project that could be considered, those conversations need to be had."

The March 2018 deadline would make the Southwest Transitway ineligible, and the route of the East line is yet to be planned, so Winnipeg's options for capitalizing on the funds may be limited.

Mayors from across the country gathered in Winnipeg Thursday say they're hopeful eligibility criteria is left broad for municipalities.

PROMOTION

BIZ hands out free bus passes

Buses are better.

That's the message the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ is sharing through its #BusIsBetter campaign, running Monday to Friday next week.

It's something the BIZ and Winnipeg Transit are keen to prove, so they handed out 200 free five-day bus passes earlier this week to non-transit users in a bid to make them straphanger converts. Current transit users can also nominate co-workers who drive to receive a five-day bus pass — 300 are up for grabs.

"The aim is really… promoting transit as a great mode for those working and coming into the downtown," said Stephanie Voyce, the campaign coordinator for the BIZ. "It's definitely to encourage downtown workers."

She said giving non-users a chance to experience the bus-commute for themselves is a chance to learn it's a "welcome relief" from driving.

"Being on a bus means it's stress free, there's time to answer emails, it's personal time instead of being stuck behind the wheel of a car in traffic," Voyce said.

BIZ Executive Director Stefano Grande said transit is important to connecting people downtown.

"If we can engage more downtown workers and other commuters to use transit more often, we're sure to see less reliance on travel by car," he said.

"With more than 45,000 trips made into the downtown each morning by car, the need for sustainable transportation options like transit is absolutely critical."

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Vacant tower left out of budget

FINANCE

One open space at tower at 266 Graham is $1.8M loser

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A projected rental shortfall at 266 Graham Ave. was left out of the budget. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

To balance the city's books, councillors who prepared this year's spending plan excluded mention of the projected millions in lost revenue from a mostly vacant office tower attached to Winnipeg's new police headquarters.

The city's committee on finance heard Wednesday the planning, property and development department reported a $3.7-million shortfall from its first three months of 2016.

Paul Olafson, corporate controller at the finance department, said most of that loss relates to lower-than-expected revenues from the city's commercial properties, roughly $2.3 million.

Of that figure, $1.8 million is expected from a vacancy at an 11-storey office tower at 266 Graham Ave.

Whether that number rises or falls depends on whether a tenant is found for the space, Olafson said.

But even if the city were successful in finding a buyer or renter for the 156,300 square feet of usable space, he said it would be a "huge challenge" to see it filled this fiscal year.

The tower, formerly home to Canada Post, was purchased in 2009 as part of a $30-million deal to buy an adjacent warehouse, which has since become the new home of the city's police service.

The federal government had occupied part of the tower when it was purchased, but moved in late 2014, leaving it mostly empty.

During Wednesday's meeting, Coun. Janice Lukes questioned why the $1.8-million shortfall was not included in the 2016 budgets.

Committee chairman Coun. Marty Morantz explained that for the past two years, staff presented the city's budget working group with projections of losses from the tower's vacancy as a risk. But that risk was not accepted, he said.

"Given our budgetary restraints, accepting the risk would mean pushing our projected deficit number up by another two, 2-1/2 million dollars," adding that leaving it out of the books meant the city could present a balanced budget, as legislated.

Olafson said so far this year, the planning property and development department has also reported a roughly $1 million shortfall in development application fees than budgeted.

First-quarter results forecast the city will end its year $4.8 million in the red, but corporate finance staff predict that figure to turn around.

$3.7 million

Reported shortfall in rentals for city-owned buildings during first quarter of 2016.

SPONSORSHIP

Scotia renames cinemas

Two Cineplex movie theatres are getting a name change.

SilverCity Polo Park in Winnipeg and SilverCity Gloucester in Ottawa will now be known as Scotiabank Theatre Ottawa and Scotiabank Theatre Winnipeg.

The rebrand comes after a 10-year partnership extension between Cineplex and Scotiabank, which is the primary sponsor of the theatre chain's Scene loyalty card program.

"Guests in Ottawa can expect theatre signage to change in June 2016 and signage to the Winnipeg theatre is scheduled to be installed mid-summer. Movie listings will also be updated to reflect the change," reads a statement by Cineplex.

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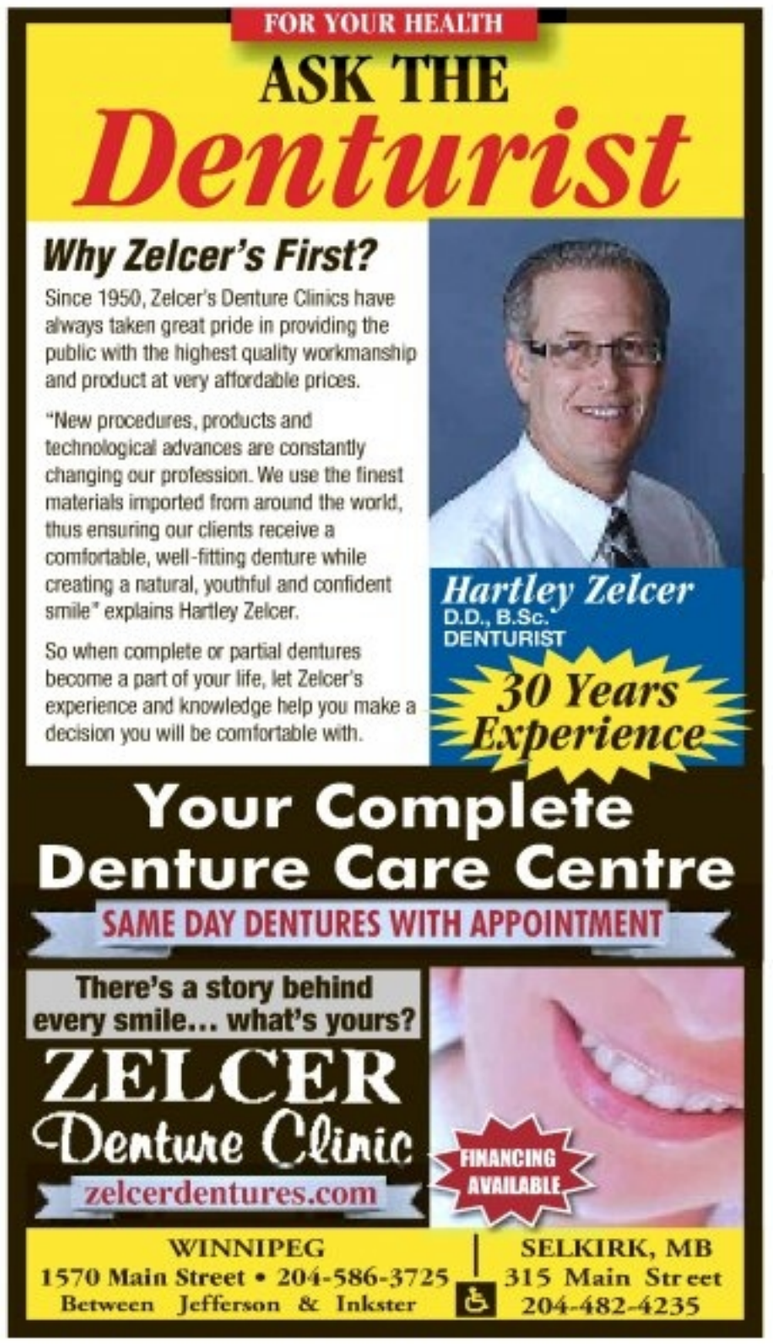
A Cineplex facade. HANDOUT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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dave Angus leaves for private sector

There's a leadership changeover taking place in The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

"After 17 years of great fun and great service on behalf of the members, I have decided to leave The Chamber to return to the private sector here in Winnipeg," said now-outgoing president Dave Angus in a prepared statement.

"I'm leaving at a time that is exciting for The Chamber in terms of where we're headed … and to make way for the next generation of leadership."

That next generation is being led by his successor, Loren Remillard, who will assume the position July 1. Remillard worked with Angus as the executive vice president since January 2015.

In that role, he pioneered the BOLD Winnipeg and Manitoba Bold initiatives, two grassroots public policy campaigns that publish community-sourced visions for the city and province.

Before his time as executive vice-president, Remillard was the

Dave Angus METRO FILE

vice-president of Policy and Public Affairs since 2014. His Chamber career began as the director of that same department in 1997, and he worked in the federal civil service between 2003 and 2014.

Chairperson Priti Metha Shah said his appointment followed a unanimous vote by the board of directors, and "ensures a seamless transition and continued momentum for The Chamber's new strategic plan."

A celebration of Angus' time with the Chamber will be held on June 28 at The Fairmont Hotel, and is being touted as a "true Angus-style event."

Angus will provide his last keynote as president and share what he's learned over nearly two decades of leading the organization, as well as his thoughts on "what's next" for Winnipeg. METRO

City battling green plague

BUG CONTROL

Caterpillars threaten mass defoliation

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Forest tent caterpillars have been clumping to trees and munching their way across Winnipeg this spring, threatening severe defoliation as they go.

It's a possibility that has the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control branch working diligently to get ahead of the fuzzy bugs and reduce their number before they go airborne.

"Treatment is expected to continue for approximately another 10 days at which point the forest tent caterpillars will stop feeding as they prepare for the next phase of their life cycle," said department manager Ken Nawolsky. "Around mid-June they will look for a place to pupate and will emerge as moths about two weeks later."

The caterpillar outbreak begins in May, when the bugs' eggs hatch after sitting in water all winter. The larvae grow to the wriggling adult caterpillars that are on trees now before entering the pupa stage, as Nawolsky described.

Once they emerge as moths, they'll mate and lay egg masses — increasing their numbers even further with eggs that will hatch the next season.

To prevent the outbreak from worsening and cut into the population, the city is spraying a biological insecticide directly onto foliage using high-pressure sprayers in the evenings.

The product called "Bacillus thuringiensis var kurstaki," or BTK, essentially makes the caterpillars lose their appetite for two or three days, ultimately killing them.

Maps are available online, but most areas treated so far since May 15 are near the North Perimeter Highway, including: Garden City, Amber Trails, Leila North, Riverbend, Rivergrove, West Kildonan, Omand's Creek and North Inkster Industrial parks, Tyndall Park, Seven Oaks, Jefferson, Burrows Central, Robertson and William Whyte.

As for summer's other annoyance — the mosquitoes haven't been a factor, but all the rain we've had doesn't bode well if the sun comes out afterwards.

CONTAMINATION

First Nation water puts health at risk

A microbiologist says his team found fecal bacteria in drinking water in a Manitoba First Nation.

Dr. Ayush Kumar of the University of Manitoba says they recently found 10,000 colony-forming units of fecal bacteria per 100 millilitres in samples in the unnamed community.

He says the water in every house that was tested, whether it came from the tap, a bucket or from a cistern, contained fecal coliform.

Health Canada says the maximum acceptable concentration of coliforms in water is none.

Kumar — who has warned the community about his findings — says some of the bacteria were antibiotic resistant, which he says puts residents' health at risk.

The community has a water treatment plant and Kumar says samples tested there were clean, which means the contamination must be happening after it leaves.

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Tories may duck cabinet pay cut

BUDGET

PCs inherited deficit, should not take a hit, minister says

Finance Minister Cameron Friesen says the new law may have two sets of rules. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Cabinet ministers in Manitoba's new Progressive Conservative government may escape a mandatory pay cut as they try to balance the budget over the next eight years.

The government is suspending the province's balanced-budget law and plans to introduce a new one next year.

Finance Minister Cameron Friesen would not commit to reinstating a section that cuts the pay of all cabinet ministers every time the government runs a deficit.

The reason, Friesen said, is that the Tories inherited a billion-dollar deficit from the previous NDP government in the April 19 provincial election.

"We're going to ... have to incorporate in any new bill we bring both those meaningful penalties in place for members, but also understand that we're starting out with a billion-dollar deficit."

Friesen indicated there may be two sets of rules under the new law — one for the eight-year period in which the Tories have promised to balance the budget, and another for the ensuing years.

"There's going to be a conversation around what we do in the interim period in which we are trying to arrive back in balance, and there will be a conversation about what we do once we achieve balance."

The consequences "would have to be reasonable."

Liberal finance critic Jon Gerrard accused the Tories of hypocrisy because while in opposition, they criticized the NDP government for watering down penalties under the balanced-budget law.

"Turnaround is fair and now that the Conservatives are in government, if they're not going to balance the budget, ministers should have pay cuts, too," Gerrard said.

> If they're not going to balance the budget, ministers should have pay cuts, too.
> Liberal finance critic Jon Gerrard

The Tories should also be able to put an end to deficits within four years instead of eight, he suggested.

All cabinet ministers are supposed to see the ministerial portion of their salary — not the base pay given to all legislature members — cut by 20 per cent the first time a government runs a deficit. At current salary levels, the cut works out to $10,186.

Any consecutive deficits cause the pay cut to jump to 40 per cent. The law does grant a one-year grace period for new governments that inherit a deficit. Gerrard said that should be enough for the Tories.

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Fees? Don't sweat it, say Parks

LOWER FORT GARRY

Authorities lift Fort charges for aboriginal ceremonies

Parks Canada is removing a fee for a sacred aboriginal ceremony at a historic site north of Winnipeg.

Lower Fort Garry plans to hold three sweat lodges this summer, an ancient ceremony performed by indigenous people in North America.

The sweat lodge is a purification ceremony usually conducted by an elder or someone who has been taught strict spiritual protocols.

Those taking part usually make an offering of tobacco or cloth and it takes place in a covered place that's heated by pouring water over hot stones.

Parks Canada's website said that the ceremony would cost $60 per person.

On Wednesday, the government department said it had re-evaluated and it will now offer the ceremony at no cost.

"The fee was only intended to cover the costs associated with planning and delivering the program," Parks Canada said in a statement.

"However, Parks Canada recognizes that this may have been inappropriate...

"In the spirit of reconciliation, Parks Canada will continue to offer this important activity at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site that provides Canadians with an opportunity to experience and develop a greater understanding of Indigenous cultures and traditions."

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak said there is never a charge for an indigenous ceremony.

"Nobody witnessing that should ever think that accessing ceremonies comes with a fee. There's no such thing as a fee associated to ceremonies."

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MANY USES

Fort turned country club
Originally built in 1830 by the Hudson's Bay Company, Lower Fort Garry has also served as a penitentiary, a mental hospital, an HBC residence, and a golf course/motor country club.

Lower Fort Garry will host three sweat lodge ceremonies this summer. TRAVEL MANITOBA

RAMADAN

Before the fast enjoy the feast

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Hundreds of Winnipeg locals will descend on the Exchange District Friday to take part in a third annual feast, celebrating Ramadan.

The event, dubbed the Fast & Furious Feast, features an all-you-can-eat outdoor dinner hosted by Shawarma Khan, which also includes food served by East India Company, Kawaii Crepe and Bronuts

"Who doesn't like a street party, especially in the summer," organizer and broadcaster Kaj Hasselriis, said.

The dinner will be served at tables set up along Albert Street, with Shawarma Khan on McDermont Avenue acting as the main

People will enjoy delights from East India Company and Shawarma Khan.
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Muslims fasting for Ramadan are encouraged to donate the money they would have spent on food to their local food banks.

He said one hundred per cent of the ticket sales for Friday's feast would be donated to Winnipeg Harvest. In past years, the event has drawn a crowd of a couple of hundred, but so far this year Hasselriis said 400 advance tickets have been sold, with plans to sell another 100 at the door.

Hasselriis questions whether more people are interested in the event given the national focus on the resettlement of Syrian refugees, and greater awareness around Muslim communities in general.

"Our dinner is a good way to support the Muslim community," he said.

Unlike previous years, Friday's event will be a pre-Ramadan celebration as the actual fasting begins on Monday.

Still, food will not be served for a short time during the dinner to allow for practicing Muslims to pray around 6 p.m.

The feast takes place from 5- 9 p.m., and tickets are $20.

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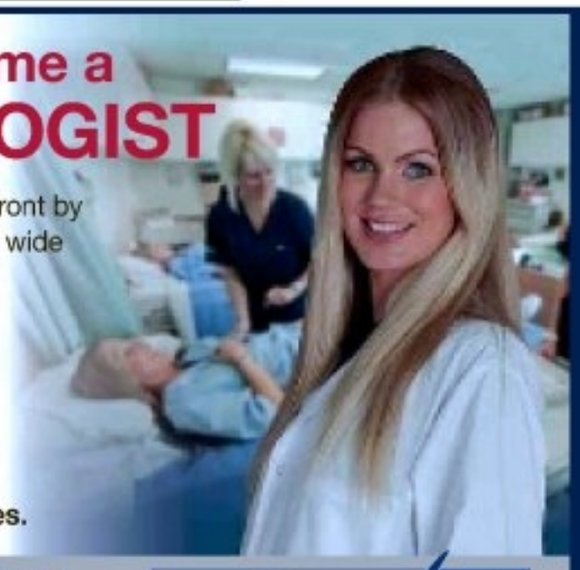

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Return to FORT MAC

Alex Boyd
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On the cul-de-sac, located 100 metres from the edge of the boreal forest, there is a lesson in the randomness of wildfire.

Paul Allain's house on the corner is gone. Its walls are beginning to buckle and the roof is caving. A scorched set of Christmas lights, all the bulbs shattered, hangs from the corner.

But Mike Stringer's house, right beside Allain's, has been spared.

And on Thursday, the two stood on their cul-de-sac, in the Timberlea neighbourhood of Fort McMurray, and absorbed the aftermath.

"A lot of hard work gone down the drain," Allain said, standing just outside the fence that someone — probably the RCMP — set up to separate his house from his neighbours.

"It took four years to get it to the way my wife wanted it."

Stringer, who had just arrived from Edmonton, appeared shaken. "I thought there were only a few houses that burned," he said.

Timberlea as a neighbourhood only saw 13 homes burn, but this cul-de-sac and the connected street bore the brunt of the damage.

A whole row of houses opposite has vanished, leaving skeletons of cars and children's playground equipment. From there, the fire jumped the street to devour a small cluster of homes, Allain's among them. It stopped at an invisible line dividing his house from his garage.

Allain joked that he saved something from the fire after all: The four dozen beers he'd left in the garage.

As he surveyed the ash, sprayed with a white compound to stop the spread of toxic chemicals it contains, he wasn't sure there was hope of retrieving the family photos and baby clothes that his wife asked him to look for. His first child was due the day of the fire.

Paul Allain's house was destroyed. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Luckily, his son arrived eight days early, so when forced to evacuate, Allain and his family were able to load the baby up and go.

Despite his loss, he said he plans to rebuild in the neighbourhood, which he added is the sort of place where people shovel each other's driveways when someone's away at work.

But he won't bring a newborn back until the house is fully complete. He hopes to return by Christmas.

Stringer said he's also worried about bringing his three-year-old daughter back. She's been asking why they aren't at home, but has asthma.

"All of my little girl's friends live over there," he says, gesturing towards the row of ash across the street.

Drones soar in wildfire zones

Crews fighting a wildfire around Fort McMurray in northern Alberta say drones are buzzing about and threatening operations.

Senior wildfire manager Chad Morrison says drones haven't affected firefighting operations at this point, but can be dangerous.

"We're still investigating ... (but) my understanding is the fleet is still flying at this point," Morrison.

Drones, while small, can get caught up in the rotors of helicopters or plane propellers.

"Impacts and consequences can be very high, so we want to make sure that people are taking this warning very seriously."

Morrison said he believes the drones are attempting to get aerial footage of the fire.

The area around the blaze that forced more than 80,000 people from their homes is still restricted air space and "as busy as any city airport" as choppers and air tankers continue to fly in and out.

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Insurance to cover legal costs

In a sign of the times, Chubb has brought its cyberbullying insurance to Canada.

The coverage for homeowners provides up to $60,000 to pay for a victim's expenses related to harassment and intimidation committed by computer, phone or mobile devices.

It suggests costs could include legal defence against wrongful termination or false arrest.

Costs could also include medical treatment for mental anguish or shock, security consultants and professional public relations services.

Chubb's cyberbullying insurance could cover treatment for mental anguish or shock. ISTOCK

Chubb's coverage for victims of cyberbullying was introduced in the U.K. in December and has been offered in the United States since March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Diefenbunker toilets are 'pooped'

BOMB SHELTER

Cold War museum seeks help with plumbing

It was built to withstand a nuclear bomb, but the Diefenbunker is experiencing a more mundane problem.

To be specific, its toilets are busted.

Or, as the Cold War museum puts it: "There's no way around it, our system is pooped."

The plumbing crisis has reached the point where the landmark Ottawa attraction has issued a public request for donations to pay for the necessary repairs.

"If you've been to the museum ... you'll have no doubt noticed the many OUT OF ORDER signs that grace our stall doors," the Diefenbunker says in its fundraising appeal. "And stalls that are actually open welcome visitors with a kind reminder to hold that flush for a count of 10."

The bomb shelter was commissioned in 1959 by then prime minister John Diefenbaker to house senior government officials in case of a nuclear attack. It was declared a national historic site in 1994 and turned into a museum three years later.

The toilets were carefully designed. According to the museum, they're mounted on rubber pads and have flexible connections to the main plumbing system "so they can't break or disconnect in case of an explosion (insert potty humour here)."

Repairing the aging fixtures is now an expensive proposition, said Alexandra Galloway, visitor services co-ordinator.

"We are a not-for-profit museum, so updating our plumbing — toilets and things like that — does cost quite a bit of money," she said Wednesday.

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The Diefenbunker might survive the end of humanity as we know it, but it's struggling to live through times of no washrooms. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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France, Germany under water

WEATHER

Six dead as water levels continue to rise

Residents evacuate their home in Simbach am Inn, Germany (left) and in Nemours, south of Paris (right), on Thursday. Floods inundating parts of France and Germany have left six people dead and thousands trapped in homes or cars, as rivers have broken their banks from Paris to Bavaria. GETTY IMAGES & THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The rising waters of the Seine overflowed riverbanks, roads and rail tracks across Paris on Thursday, forcing authorities at the Louvre to do something they have not done in generations: hurriedly move precious artworks to higher ground.

European rivers have burst their banks this week from Paris to the southern German state of Bavaria, killing six people, trapping thousands and forcing everything from subway lines to castles to museums to shut down.

Water levels at the famous river that winds through the French capital are expected to peak Friday sometime about noon. Paris police upgraded their flood warning Thursday to "orange" — the second-highest level — for areas near the Seine, which means they believe the floods could have "a significant impact" on buildings and people.

The Louvre Museum announced it will be closed Friday to remove artworks from rooms threatened by the rising waters, preventatively shifting them upstairs. Its most famous painting, Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, is staying put on an upper floor.

The Orsay museum, on the left bank of the Seine, will also be closed Friday to prepare for potential flooding.

A spokeswoman at the Louvre said the museum had not taken such precautions in its modern history — since its 1993 renovation. Some underground storerooms created during the renovation are particularly vulnerable to flood risks.

She spoke on condition of anonymity in line with the museum's policy.

The Louvre did move art to higher floors in the flood that devastated Paris in 1910, but authorities were still checking to see if similar actions had been taken from then to 1993. About 200,000 artworks are located in flood-risk areas, mostly in storerooms.

French President Francois Hollande said a "natural disaster" will be formally declared next week for areas most affected by the flooding — and a separate fund will help villages and small towns deal with the damages.

In Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, meanwhile, promised continued help for flooded areas, telling reporters Thursday that she "mourns for those for whom the help has come too late, who lost their lives."

The floodwaters in Bavaria receded somewhat and disaster relief crews were helping to clear the wreckage, but there were warnings of more storms.

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CINCINNATI ZOO

Gorilla exhibit re-opens

The Cincinnati Zoo said Thursday it will re-open its gorilla exhibit next week with a higher, reinforced barrier after a 3-year-old boy got into the enclosure, leading to the fatal shooting of a male gorilla.

Zoo spokeswoman Michelle Curley said the outer barrier will now be 42 inches high — a half foot taller than before — with solid wood beams on top and at the bottom, plus knotted rope netting at the bottom.

The zoo said there had been no earlier breaches in Gorilla World's 38-year history and that the previous barrier had passed multiple inspections.

"Our exhibit goes above and beyond standard safety requirements, but in light of what happened, we have modified the outer public barrier to make entry even more difficult," zoo director Thane Maynard.

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Clinton calls Trump a chump on stump

U.S. ELECTION

Hillary raises orange alert on electing the Donald

Previewing a rancorous fall campaign, Hillary Clinton assailed Donald Trump on Thursday as a potential president who would lead America toward war and economic crisis. She portrayed her own policy as optimistic, inclusive and diplomatic, born from long experience in public life.

There was nothing diplomatic in her remarks, a clear indication of how she'll take Trump on. Electing him, she said, would be "a historic mistake."

During a speech in San Diego, the Democratic former secretary of state unloaded on her likely Republican election opponent, counting down reasons he is not qualified — from his Twitter attacks to his emotional outbursts.

"He is not just unprepared; he is temperamentally unfit," she told supporters in a ballroom. "We cannot let him roll the dice with America."

She said a Trump presidency could spark nuclear conflicts and ignite economic catastrophe.

"There's no risk of people losing their lives if you blow up a golf course deal, but it doesn't work like that in world affairs," Clinton said of the celebrity businessman. "The stakes in global statecraft are infinitely higher and more complex than in the world of luxury hotels."

She mocked Trump's Twitter blasts,predicting he was preparing more as she spoke. As if on cue, he tweeted after she finished: "Bad performance by Crooked Hillary Clinton! Reading poorly from the teleprompter! She doesn't even look presidential!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Clinton says Donald Trump's foreign policy is dangerously incoherent and makes him unfit for office. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A boy stands among the wreck of a torched tent in a detention camp on the Greek island of Lesbos, on Thursday, after overnight clashes between groups of migrants. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Migrant groups clash on Greek islands

Greek police say clashes have broken out between rival ethnic groups of refugees and other migrants at a detention camp on the eastern Aegean Sea island of Samos.

Police say six people have been injured and 25 detained. About 1,100 people are held in the facility.

Thursday's violence came a day after similar clashes at a camp on the island of Lesbos, which left three migrants hospitalized with injuries.

More than 8,000 people are held in detention on Greece's eastern islands following a March agreement between the European Union and Turkey to deport migrants and refugees.

Deportations have been held up by delays in the asylum screening process — triggering frequent unrest.

About 52,000 refugees and economic migrants have been trapped in Greece after a series of Balkan border closures.

Earlier Thursday, police in Hungary and Slovakia said they broke up a network of 19 human smugglers who were taking migrants from Greece through Serbia to Hungary and then onto western Europe. Police said the suspected smugglers — including Slovaks, Afghans and Hungarians — charged people 400-600 euros ($445-$670) on the last leg from Hungary to Germany.

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IN BRIEF

Sexual violence remains a tactic for terror groups

Just as the international community has made some inroads combating sexual violence as a weapon of war, extremists are adopting the age-old tactic as a tool of terror.

Speaking Thursday at a Security Council session on sexual violence in conflict, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said much more remained to be done.

"One extremely disturbing aspect is the use of sexual violence as a tactic of terrorism. Daesh, Boko Haram and other extremist groups are using sexual violence as a means of attracting and retaining fighters, and to generate revenue," he said.

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Plan ahead to save cash when travelling

There are credit cards for major expenses like flights and hotels, Uber for getting around and Android or Apple Pay on smartphones. But travellers still need at least a little cash if they're vacationing outside of Canada this summer, and that means swapping loonies for euros, yuan or other foreign currencies.

Travel agent Omar Guechtal recommends clients plan ahead and exchange as much as they think they'll need at their Canadian bank to get the best deal possible before travelling abroad.

> **If you're looking for hard cash, it is always better to be purchasing it in Canada.** Omar Guechtal

"Banks and exchange places are actually giving a better rate when they are selling a currency than when they are buying it," said Guechtal, an assistant team leader at Flight Centre.

Using an ATM while travelling outside of Canada is a convenient way to get the cash wherever you are, but it comes at a cost. Depending on your bank and your account, the amount you'll pay can be a percentage of the amount you're withdrawing, a flat fee per transaction or a combination of both.

If you need use your bank card, try to limit the fees by making one or two large withdrawals instead of several smaller ones.

"If you're going to have to use your debit (card), withdraw one massive amount once," he said.

Christian Matyasfalvi, associate vice-president for cross-border banking at TD Bank, says he's wary of the foreign exchange shops in popular tourist areas.

"Always look at the fine print," he said, noting that you need to consider both the exchange rate and any additional fees you. "Always figure out the bottom line."

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5 WAYS BUYING CONCERT TICKETS COULD BE MADE EASIER

As Tragically Hip fans psych themselves up for what is likely to be the band's final tour, questions are again being raised about whether there's a better way to sell tickets to avoid hiked prices from scalpers on the secondary market. Here are some ideas.

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1 Non-transferable tickets

Some ticket sellers are already experimenting with non-transferable paperless tickets that require concertgoers to present their credit card at the venue. The process effectively counters brokers but it also forces the person who bought the ticket to attend the event themselves.

2 Filter ticket sales by IP address

Similar to how Netflix has blocked Canadians from accessing the U.S. version of their streaming service, companies like Ticketmaster could manage concertgoers and cut down on outsiders trying to capitalize on the tour.

3 Improved transparency

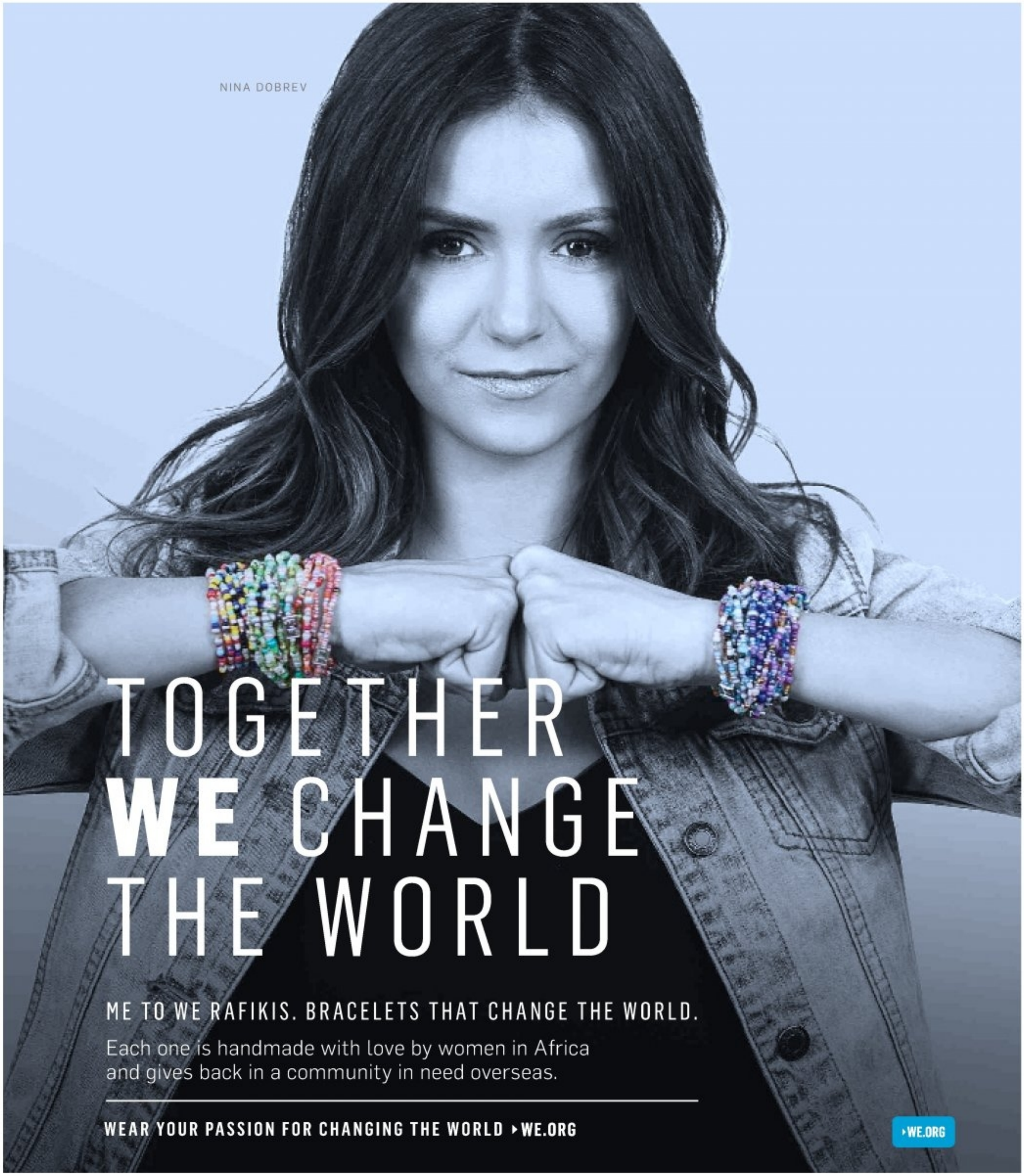
Is it supply and demand, or smoke and mirrors? Some suggest that ticket sellers should commit to providing information on how many tickets are on the market, kind of like we know the odds to winning the lottery. That means being clear on the number of tickets allocated to presale events, how many are given away as part of promotions, and ultimately what's left for sale to the general public.

4 Flood the market

While music superstars love to brag about how their concerts sold out in minutes, Garth Brooks is a firm believer in saturating the market. When a concert shows signs of selling out, his management will add a batch of new dates in the same city, which theoretically destroys a ticket's resale value.

5 Better fan club security

Much of the griping over the Tragically Hip presales revolved around the lack of security features enacted for the fans. Anyone who signed up to the band's newsletter was given access to a communal code that could be plugged into Ticketmaster online for advance tickets. The generic code gave anyone an opportunity to dip into the Hip's golden tickets.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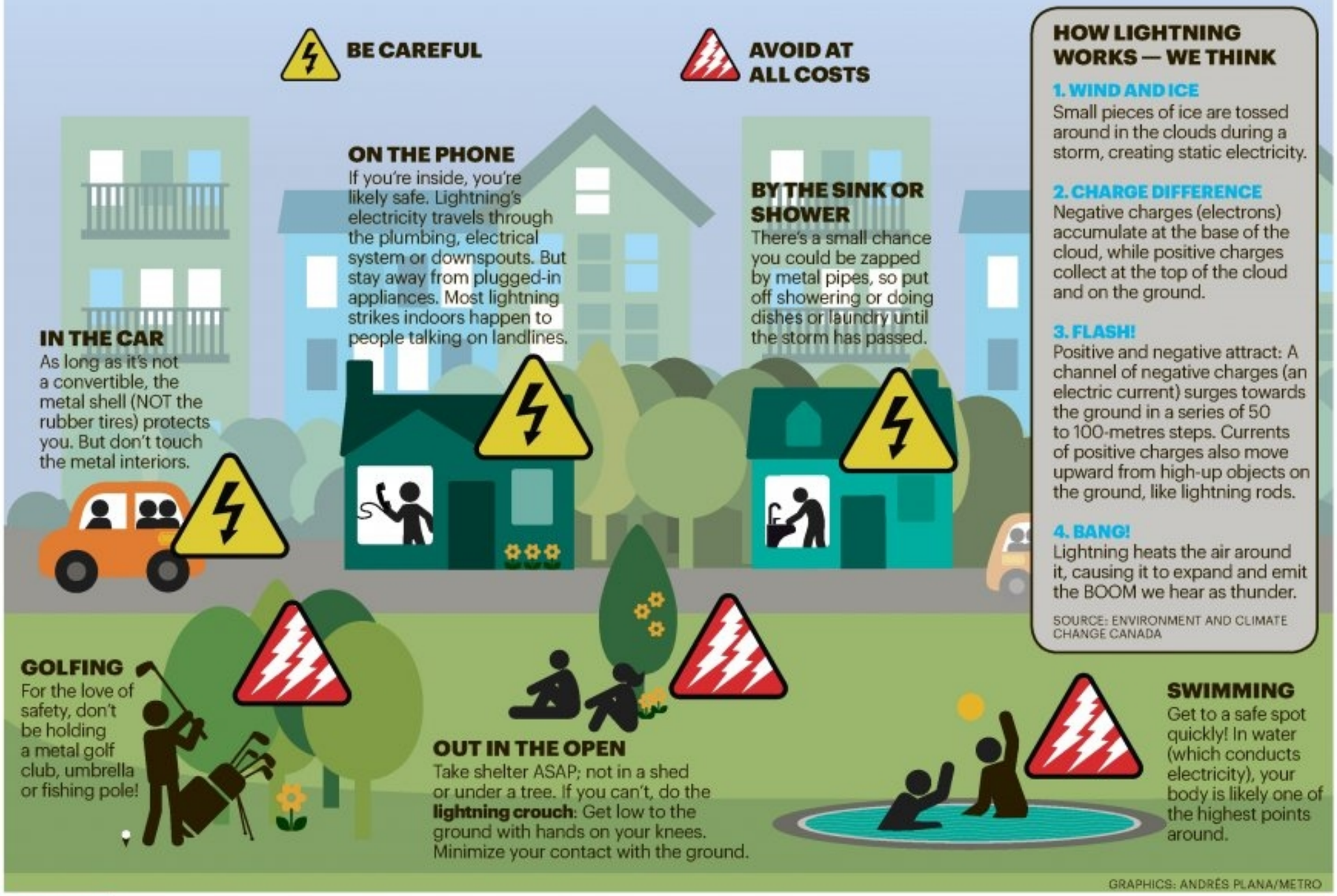
WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES

BOOM! CRACK! It wouldn't be summer without the sounds of a storm. It's true: Getting struck by lightning isn't likely, but it does happen — sometimes in surprising ways. **Here's how to stay safe this summer.**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ON THE PHONE
If you're inside, you're likely safe. Lightning's electricity travels through the plumbing, electrical system or downspouts. But stay away from plugged-in appliances. Most lightning strikes indoors happen to people talking on landlines.
BY THE SINK OR SHOWER
There's a small chance you could be zapped by metal pipes, so put off showering or doing dishes or laundry until the storm has passed.
IN THE CAR
As long as it's not a convertible, the metal shell (NOT the rubber tires) protects you. But don't touch the metal interiors.
GOLFING
For the love of safety, don't be holding a metal golf club, umbrella or fishing pole!
OUT IN THE OPEN
Take shelter ASAP; not in a shed or under a tree. If you can't, do the lightning crouch: Get low to the ground with hands on your knees. Minimize your contact with the ground.
SWIMMING
Get to a safe spot quickly! In water (which conducts electricity), your body is likely one of the highest points around.

HOW LIGHTNING WORKS — WE THINK

1. WIND AND ICE
Small pieces of ice are tossed around in the clouds during a storm, creating static electricity.

2. CHARGE DIFFERENCE
Negative charges (electrons) accumulate at the base of the cloud, while positive charges collect at the top of the cloud and on the ground.

3. FLASH!
Positive and negative attract: A channel of negative charges (an electric current) surges towards the ground in a series of 50 to 100-metres steps. Currents of positive charges also move upward from high-up objects on the ground, like lightning rods.

4. BANG!
Lightning heats the air around it, causing it to expand and emit the BOOM we hear as thunder.

SOURCE: ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA

GRAPHICS: ANDRÉS PLANA/METRO

FINDINGS
Your week in science

HOW WE MET OUR BFF
When and where did early humans befriend wolves, eventually domesticating the chow chows, chihuahuas and retrievers of today? It's been debated for decades. An Oxford genetic study of ancient and modern canines suggests humans domesticated dogs twice, once in Asia and once in Europe.

CRISP DISCOVERY
The discovery of the CRISPR system in 2012 rocked the field of genetics, allowing for precision editing of DNA. Now a similar system has been discovered for RNA, DNA's precursor. RNA has a role in a baffling array of processes. Now scientists may be able to manipulate cells in more ways than ever before.

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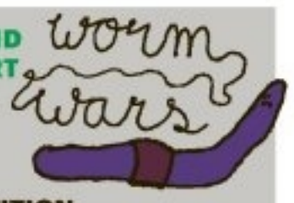

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TMNT

A psychologist analyzes the heroes in a half-shell

Colin McNeil
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As the surprisingly informative theme song for the 1987 cartoon series tells us: "Leonardo leads, Donatello does machines … Raphael is cool but rude, Michelangelo is a party dude."

But is there more to our favourite heroes in a half-shell?

With the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie opening today, we took a tumble down the proverbial manhole with Dr. Jeff Howlin, a licensed psychologist "steeped in Jungian theory" to find out what really makes the Turtles tick. Dr. Howlin put the TMNT universe under the microscope of Jungian psychology – a school of analysis named for Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung that entails "the study of the psyche's (or soul's) tendency toward wholeness."

For Howlin, the turtles shouldn't be looked at as individuals, but as four slices of a whole mental pizza. In his view (let's dub it Shell Theory) the four turtles represent one man's psyche.

"Yes we're talking about individual turtles," Howlin explains, "but all of this can be about the development of an individual and the different parts within them."

Each turtle represents four essential "masculine archetypes"– forming a well-rounded, healthy psyche when they work together as a team.

Michelangelo — the care-free adventurer. Donatello — the wiz kid with his head in the clouds. Leonardo — the diligent, disciplined student. And Raphael — the emotional fighter with anger issues. Each one is a splinter of the subconscious with "unique and important things to bring to the development of a single personality."

In other words, there's a little Raph, Mikey, Donnie and Leo in all of us.

"An important part of Jungian psychology is for a person to become who they are," says Howlin. The term is individuation — but just call it destiny. The turtles' journey toward being one cohesive fighting unit — their inter-family strife, and their training — is our hypothetical little boy's personality struggling to become a full-fledged man.

Decoding the boys in green

THE REST OF THE CHARACTERS

April O'Neil
April represents the anima, or feminine archetype, present in every male mind, says Howlin. It's an important part of the male psyche.

Shredder
The turtles' sharp, chrome-coated nemesis is the self-destructive part of our psyche that wants to "stop growth and development; to stop the good that's happening; to stop the striving towards wholeness. That would be the inner shredder," says Howlin.

Casey Jones
The vigilante who uses sports equipment to beat people into submission is the stereotypical male archetype that society often pushes men to be: a hyper-aggressive representation of the animus.

Splinter
According to Howlin, the turtles' mentor and surrogate father clearly fits Jungian psychology's wise old man archetype — an often benevolent, mystical guiding figure to psyche's central hero.

"If we're looking at a young boy developing into a teenager, developing into an adult, one of the tasks of the boy is to become familiar with these different parts — the Donatello, the Leonardo, the Michelangelo, the Raphael, and to get used to using them in their life," says Howlin.

"Somebody who's 12 could be really drawn to Michelangelo, and when they hit 18 they're going to be drawn to Leonardo." A whole and healthy person, he says, has access to all four turtles.

TMNT is "really symbolically talking about what's happening inside of us on an emotional level," says Howlin.

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The Ninja Turtle brotherhood

IN FOCUS

Actor uncovers what makes fans connect with franchise

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

In the cold-blooded world of turtles, Yertle, Gamera, Koopa Troopa and Fastback are hot names. But the most famous testudines of all time have to be the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Stars of movies, comic books, television and video games, the four anthropomorphic turtle brothers even had action figures and breakfast cereals as part of their reptilian empire.

They were 20th-century pop-culture icons, which ain't too bad for four hard-shelled crime fighters named after Renaissance artists.

Stephen Amell, who plays hockey-mask wearing hero Casey Jones in this weekend's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out Of The Shadows, says he grew up with Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo and Donatello.

"The live-action films did it for me," says the actor, who was just nine when the turtles hit the big screen for the first time. "I've always ingested superheroes, especially comic book superheroes, via feature films. Like Superman, Batman, Christopher Reeve, Michael Keaton, all that stuff. When they did the live-action turtle movie I remember my brain not being able to fully comprehend how they were going to do this. Those were seminal moments from my childhood."

The story of four pet turtles transformed by radioactive ooze into sewer-dwelling, crime-fighting ninja warriors appealed to kids, but the original 1984 black-and-white comics were dark, gritty and violent, a subversive homage to popular books like Daredevil, Cerebus and Ronin. Sharp-eyed readers of the second issue of TMNT will notice old issues of Cerebus and Ronin discarded on the floor of the Turtles' sewer home.

They sliced and diced bad guys and even uttered the odd PG-13 word.

Turtlemania really began in 1987 with an animated series aimed at younger viewers. They quickly became something of a sensation, but with popularity came an erosion of the rebellious aspects of the story. In short, they became the thing they once poked fun at.

The turtles went mainstream, and soon there were arcade games, action figures, clothing, movies and more.

Kids were taken with the turtle soup of gags, colourful characters and pizza obsession, but Amell says there is more than that to their appeal.

"At the baseline of this entire experience, we are talking about the relationship of four brothers — the relationship as they struggle through adolescence," he says. "I feel like whether you have brothers, sisters, close friends, any type of family, everyone can relate to that.

"It's this unique idea. It's so unique it tends to be universal. I don't know what the secret sauce is, otherwise I would create my own Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and just sit back and collect the royalties."

For many, including the crowds that will no doubt flock to Out Of The Shadows this week, the allure of the turtles is at least partly nostalgic, a return to a simpler time.

I get the feeling that for the Toronto-born Amell, the appeal is partly sentimental, partly professional.

"It's amazing to play a character like Casey Jones. I was just at Yonge and Dundas Square [in Toronto] and it is overrun with Turtles' posters. It's a dream come true."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping	★★★★
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows	★★
Me Before You	★★★
Into the Forest	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
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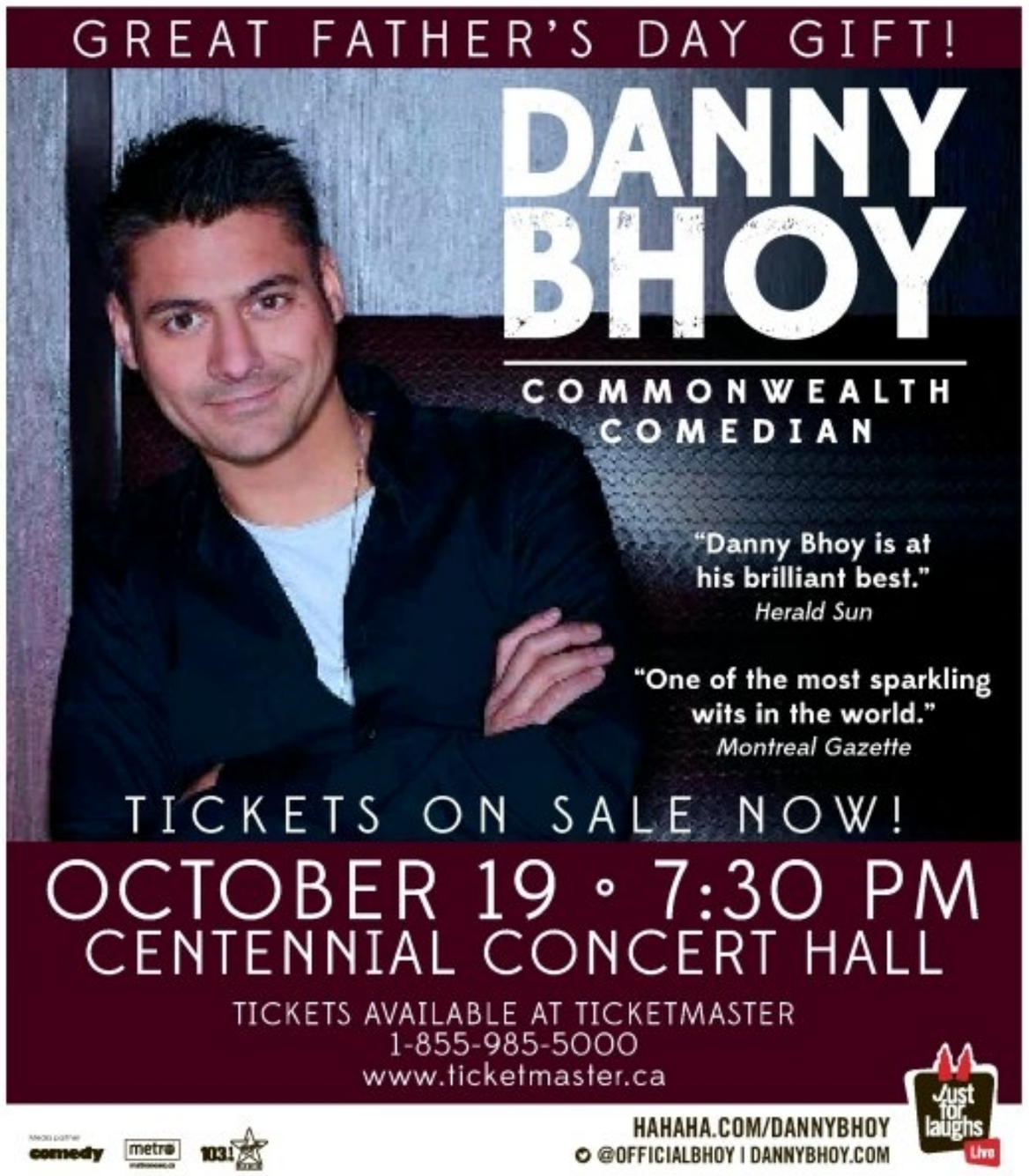

INTERVIEW

From dragon lady to caregiver

These days Jojo Moyes is a best-selling author with a movie adaptation about to hit screens.

But before she wrote her best-known book she says, "I had not troubled the bestseller charts."

The former journalist, who has written 13 novels, hit publishing pay dirt with Me Before You, a romance about a young woman who has a life-changing relationship with a paralyzed man.

"I was driving my kids home from school," says Moyes, "and I heard this story on the news about a young athlete who had been left quadriplegic after an accident.

"Several years into life as a quadriplegic he had persuaded his parents to take him to Dignitas, which is a centre for assisted suicide in England to end his life.

"I was just really shocked by this story because as a human and a parent I could not envisage how a parent would agree to do that.

"I kept thinking I would fight to the death to keep my kids alive. Because I am an ex journalist, I started to read around it and read more about this young man and read more about the issue and I discovered it wasn't as black and white as I wanted to believe. Then it got me thinking, what would I be like if I were him? What would it be like to be his mother? What would it be like to be his girlfriend?"

The book sold north of 5 million copies and is now a movie starring Games of Thrones dragon lady Emilia Clarke. The 29-year-old actress plays the relentlessly cheerful Louisa, caregiver to quadriplegic Will, played by The Hunger Games star Sam Claflin.

"I read the amazing book first," the effervescent Clarke says. "I was reading it to see if I wanted to be in it. In the first couple of pages of Lou (I thought) this is who I am. This is so much me in every way. Then there was the story itself and the beauty within it; the heartbreak, the joy and the laughter fell on top of one another and I just said yes.

"I understand (Louisa) innately because if things ever get too dire I'm going to crack a joke. We're going to laugh through this. In those moments, at that peak when something bad has happened, and you're like, 'Let's laugh about it,' as you're laughing you start crying.

She also says she had a rigorous rehearsal process with co-star Claflin, so she got to know her character and their story really well.

"When you've got all that knowledge someone only has to say one thing and you are there because you have built her within you. You've built the story around you."

Emilia Clarke and Sam Claflin play the central characters in the adaption of Jojo Moyes' bestselling novel Me Before You. CONTRIBUTED

Apocalyptic tale linked two talents

SUSPENSE

Ellen Page, Patricia Rozema bonded over Into The Forest

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

"We hadn't met before at all," says Ellen Page of her Into the Forest director Patricia Rozema, "and you would think we would have."

A big screen treatment of one of Robert Munsch's children's books brought them together.

"I was in L.A. and checked in to go back to Toronto," says Rozema.

"Someone said, 'Are you available to meet with Ellen Page about Paper Bag Princess?' because we were both circling around it. I said OK and unchecked in and we met and sat in a café."

"We just really connected," says Page. "It was so immediate. Then I sent her (Jean Hegland's novel) Into the Forest."

The Paper Bag Princess is still on the back burner, but the director says once she got to know Page she wanted to work with her as an actor and producer on Into the Forest because, "I felt she had integrity."

"After you have done a few (movies) you start thinking, I only want to work with people I want to have dinner with. Seriously. I really look much more closely at who I am working with now."

There are no hoards of marauding zombies or planet eating black holes, massive solar eruptions or robots involved in their new end-of-the-world drama.

Instead it's an anti-Michael Bay apocalypse film; a dystopian story focusing attention on the aftermath of disaster and the ties that bind one family together.

"It seemed to have so many things," says Rozema on why she was drawn to the project.

"It had urgency. It had poetry. It had political import. It seemed to be intimate. It seemed to be really emotional. It seemed like it would be a visual feast and have action and suspense. I thought, 'What doesn't this have?' And it was doable for not that much money because it was basically two girls in the forest."

The "two girls in the forest" are Page and Evan Rachel Wood.

They play sisters living with their widower father deep in the Pacific Northwest forest. It's an isolated, quiet life, made quieter when a massive blackout knocks out their power.

As the days turn into weeks it becomes clear the power may never come back. The closest grocery store has run out of food and the hand-cranked radio suggests terrorism is responsible for the outage.

Violence is in the air, and when tragedy strikes the sisters are forced to become self-sufficient while living off-the-grid.

"I have always loved post apocalyptic stories, films and survivalist stuff," says Page, "and this really encompassed a lot of stuff I was thinking about at the time in terms of my relationship to the environment and society. What does that mean? What does our future look like?

"To be able to tell that story through the relationship (of the sisters), who are so powerful and so resilient, attracted me."

Rozema, who also wrote the film's screenplay, says the approach to the dystopian story isn't the only unique thing about the movie. She points out that two female leads in a film is "a rare event."

"It's ridiculous how rare that is," she says. "I said that to a friend of mine who is so progressive. He said, 'Aren't there many?' What planet are you on? I said, 'Name one.' He said, Thelma and Louise. I said, 'Name another one.' That was it."

> **It had urgency. It had poetry. It had political import. It seemed to be intimate. It seemed to be really emotional.**
> Into the Forest director Patricia Rozema on the book the film is based on

REVIEW

The last few scenes of this haunting film won't sit well with everyone and are sure to spark passionate discussions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Actor Ellen Page, left, and director Patricia Rozema
CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prince died of fentanyl overdose: official

ANONYMOUS SOURCE

Two doctors have been named in investigation

Prince died of an accidental overdose of the powerful painkiller fentanyl, autopsy results released Thursday show.

The 57-year-old singer was found dead April 21 at his Minneapolis-area estate.

According to a one-page report released by the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, Prince administered the drug himself, but the date he took it was unknown. The office said it has completed its death investigation and had no further comment.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, 50 times more potent than heroin, that's partly responsible for a recent surge in overdose deaths in some parts of the country. It also has legitimate medical uses. More than 700 fentanyl-related overdose deaths were reported to the Drug Enforcement Administration in late 2013 and 2014.

The findings confirm suspicions that opioids played a role in the musician's death. After he died, authorities began reviewing whether an overdose was to blame and whether he had been prescribed drugs in the preceding weeks.

Prince's death came less than a week after his plane made an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois, for medical treatment as he was returning from an Atlanta concert. Media reported, based on anonymous sources, that Prince was found unconscious on the plane, and first responders gave him a shot of Narcan, an antidote used in suspected opioid overdoses.

At least two doctors' names have come up in the death investigation being conducted by the Carver County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Dr. Michael Todd Schulenberg, a family practitioner, treated Prince twice in the weeks before his death and told investigators he prescribed medications for the singer.

The medications were not specified in a search warrant for the Minnesota hospital that employed Schulenberg at the time.

Schulenberg saw Prince April 7 and April 20 — the day before his death — according to the warrant. Schulenberg's attorney has declined to comment on the case.

Dr. Howard Kornfeld, a California addiction specialist, was asked by Prince's representatives on April 20 to help the singer.

Kornfeld sent his son Andrew on a redeye flight that night, and Andrew was among the people who found Prince's unresponsive body the next morning, according to Kornfeld's attorney, William Mauzy.

The younger Kornfeld, who is not a doctor, was carrying buprenorphine, a medication that can be used to treat opioid addiction by easing cravings and withdrawal symptoms, Mauzy said, explaining that Andrew Kornfeld intended to give the medication to a Minnesota doctor who had cleared his schedule to see Prince on April 21. Mauzy has refused to identify that doctor.

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

We don't often see men judging themselves on screen in the same way that women do

Give my partner Simon a bone, preferably one contained in a pork chop or, on rarer occasions, a rib eye, and he's in heaven. But hand him a prawn to peel and he's put out.

So, after securing 10 British Colombian spot prawns from our local fishmonger, I stripped them of their shells.

And let me tell you, I did it very carefully: their season lasts only about a month, and at just over two bucks a piece, I didn't want to lose a sliver of their sweet meat.

It was a huge risk. I'd never eaten them, let alone cooked them. But I let intuition reign, grilling them on the barbecue for about 45 seconds a side after seasoning them simply with olive oil, lemon, and garlic.

I tore up some parsley from my pot of herbs to top the prawns off and, in true al fresco style, we ate them outside with our fingers. And they were perfect.

I won! Although I was competing only against myself. So we went inside to watch six grown men compete against each other in Chevalier, a film that's performed well on the festival circuit and hits select theatres on June 3. On the last legs of a fishing trip on board a luxury yacht, the well-appointed Greek men set out to determine who is the best man via a series of challenges. How will they measure up?

THE MOVIE: Chevalier

THE MEAL: Grilled prawns

It turns out their definition of manhood is varied: From cooking techniques and the speed at which they can assemble Ikea furniture to pain thresholds and cholesterol counts, they put each other to the test in this humorous and, at times, utterly odd odyssey.

But it's their weaknesses and faults that are the most tender and endearing, perhaps because we don't often see men judging themselves on screen in the same way that women do.

"Do you think my thighs are fat?" one of the men asks his wife during a ship-to-shore-talk.

"It might be out of place to say this," Simon said when we finished, "but this is a male movie. It's about a type of competition that only exists in men; a competition with the stated goal of being the absolute best, which — in a twist out of a Greek tragedy — you are disqualified from winning by virtue of taking part in the competition."

"And it's directed by a woman!" I said (Greek director Athina Rachel Tsangari, to be precise.)

"Well, I'm shocked by that." he said, "because it's so exact! I don't know if you could get a man to be that precise about the male ego; about the male psyche."

"Maybe in the same way that Cassavetes was so good at writing female parts," I said, thinking of A Woman Under the Influence.

"Yes! And I could be wrong, but I suspect that many men will have a hard time watching it."

"Because it hits too close to home?" I asked.

"Exactly," he said. "So many of their impulses — the wounded vanity, being concerned with the way you look, the way you're seen — are beneath some imagined Platonic form of maleness. But they're the very root of the nature of the competition: you're competing to show that you don't have all these insecurities but the reason you're competing in the first place is because, well, you're insecure."

We sat for a moment, while the credits —all in Greek, which neither of us can read — rolled. "Those prawns were really good, right?" I asked.

"They were like the butter of the sea," he said.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

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GRASSLANDS

Bisson, borealis — Prairies not so plain after all

Jenn Smith Nelson
For Torstar News Service

"Is there going to be anything to do?" My eldest son interrupts my count of Swainson's hawks atop passing power posts.

His worry is tied to the increasingly vast prairie vista complete with coulees and rolling soft hills greeting us — one completely devoid of play structures and stores and stuff. I urge him to keep an open mind, reminding him this isn't a typical trip.

It's a beautiful day with light, fluffy, white clouds dotting an azure sky. After nearly four hours driving southwest, my two sons, partner and I stop briefly in the Gateway to the Grasslands, Val Marie, Sask.

Grasslands National Park, our end destination, is an impressive expanse divided into two blocks — east and west.

Our cracked windows allow in a slight breeze carrying the sweet smell of sage-y grasses as we follow the Ecotour Road and happen upon a roadblock; a few hundred, in fact.

Bison as far as our eyes could see litter the panorama. Sunning, sauntering and grunting, young calves mosey alongside 2,000-pound giants. Spread out like hay bales, the herd is unfazed as our slow-moving vehicle weaves along.

We arrive at the Frenchman River Valley campsite area and cart gear to our tipi while the boys head off for a well-timed, Parks Canada Junior Naturalists program.

Eager to be free, they excitedly begin searching for evidence of life in the park, armed with lists and digital cameras. Once unpacked, we sit in oversized chairs and rest, taking in the camp's panoramic prairie view.

It's midday when they return, grins wide, eager to share what they've learned. It's scorching at more than 30 C, so we take refuge in the tipi, grabbing a snack before hopping back in the van to drive to 70 Mile Butte to hike and take in the sunset — a spot we've been told is the park's best vantage point.

Heading back the way we came, a sign warning of wildlife I didn't want to see — rattlesnakes — greets us at the entrance to the butte's upward winding trail.

TIP

Try to devote three to five days to your visit. There is much to do here, including astronomy, birding and fossil finding.

From the hundreds of bison that call Grasslands National Park home, to hunting for treasures to skies that leave you speechless, the area makes for a great camping trip. JENN SMITH NELSON

Scaling the fence, the boys jet off and keep a steady pace ahead as we meander along, stopping to read signs identifying indigenous plants and to admire lichen-covered rocks.

An hour later we are rewarded with an incredible view.

Spinning 360 degrees, we marvel at the sprawling green landscape while waiting for the sun to set. Building small rock Inukshuks cliffside, my boys make me nervous as they creep too close to the edge for my comfort.

Soon, the sun begins to dip; golden rays descend quickly along the prairie horizon. We head back knowing the dark will follow, but unexpectedly the sky comes alive. Hues of blue from the sunset deepen against rich tones of pink and strokes of violet, stopping me in my tracks — frozen by the display. Wispy clouds shift shapes, dancing across the sky. The boys who are ahead of me finally notice, and stare mesmerized.

Camp is dark when we return and the sky decides to put on another dazzling display. This time, it's the green swirls of aurora borealis amidst a clear, starry night in Canada's darkest dark sky preserve. My eldest oohs and awws before heading in to sleep, completely tuckered.

Jenn Smith Nelson was hosted by Parks Canada and Tourism Saskatchewan, neither of which reviewed or approved this story.

The course that Trump built

The Ayrshire coast has links to historical figures like William Wallace. Today the area is known for links like the Trump Turnberry (shown), recently relaunched by controversial U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump, the Royal Troon — hosting the Open Championship in July — and the grandaddy of courses, Prestwick. CONTRIBUTED

AYRESHIRE COAST

Area hosts some of the best golf in the world

Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada

Home to Royal Troon, Prestwick, Trump Turnberry and other hallowed links, Scotland's Ayrshire coast is anticipating its most exciting golf season since the first-ever Open Championship was played here in 1860.

On June 1, Donald Trump relaunched the famous Ailsa course at his rebranded Trump Turnberry Resort. Ailsa's almost complete redesign by star golf architect Martin Ebert is part of a $500-million makeover of a 149-room luxury property acquired by the U.S. presidential hopeful in 2014.

Easily the most anticipated of all the changes made to Ailsa, which has hosted four Opens, is the transformation of the iconic par-four "lighthouse" hole into what Trump with typical immodesty calls "the most spectacular par three in the world."

An even bigger story is the Open's return to Royal Troon Golf Club, July 14 to 17.

Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and the world's other top players will challenge a classic windswept links where the first nine holes run entirely alongside the sea.

> **Full of blind shots, crazy bounces and other quirks, Prestwick has hosted 24 Opens, including the first 12 ever played.**

Host of eight previous Opens, Royal Troon is best known for its evilly bunkered par-three eighth hole, called the Postage Stamp. Just 123 yards long, it's the shortest hole in Open Championship golf.

Set on the shores of the Firth of Clyde in southwest Scotland, the district of Ayrshire is steeped in history, with links to William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns.

The clay and thatch cottage where Burns was born is now a museum in the village of Alloway.

The seaside towns of Ayr, Girvan, Irvine, Largs, Prestwick and Troon are all popular with visitors. Others make nearby Glasgow, Scotland's largest and most vibrant city, their home base. Glasgow essentials include a shopping spree on Buchanan Street, a grandstand seat at a Celtic or Rangers soccer match, and a tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the most visited museum in the United Kingdom outside of London.

Glasgow is an easy drive from most of Ayrshire's 44 18-hole golf courses, including three more that rank alongside Royal Troon and Trump Turnberry among the world's outstanding seaside links.

Founded in 1897, Western Gailes Golf Club is a wonderfully natural design that wends through dunes on a spit of land by Irvine Bay.

Some greens fold as if organically into the rumpled landscape, with others protected by sentinel-like dunes.

Just across the railway tracks from Western Gailes is Dundonald Links, which opened in 2003 but feels a century older. This acclaimed design by Kyle Phillips will host the European Tour's Scottish Open for the first time in 2017.

But the granddaddy of all Ayrshire courses is Prestwick Golf Club. Full of blind shots, crazy bounces and other quirks, Prestwick has hosted 24 Opens, including the first 12 ever played. Designed by the immortal Old Tom Morris, the course features six of his original greens, as well as three original holes.

Though no longer in the Open rotation, Prestwick is still a must-play for everyone who loves the game.

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Dwane Casey and the Raptors have reportedly agreed on a three-year, US$18-million contract extension

Medlock knows pressure

CFL

New kicker ready for spotlight at IGF field

Justin Medlock shouldn't have a problem handling the pressure of trying to turn around the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' kicking game. The CFL veteran's mental toughness has been tested often on professional and personal levels.

There was a car accident in college that led to a drunk-driving charge, a forgettable year when he suited up for five teams and his wife's diagnosis of lupus that cut short her pro golfing career.

But the 32-year-old has overcome those challenges to become the most accurate kicker in CFL history, with a career field-goal percentage of 87.5 through five seasons.

"I come from an NFL background so I know a lot of pressure," Medlock said after Thursday's practice.

"If you're in the kicking business, there's a lot of pressure so I'm used to it."

The Bombers signed the former Hamilton Tiger-Cat on the first day of free agency to improve their kicking game that could kindly be described as inconsistent last season.

Bomber kickers Lirim Hajrullahu and Sergio Castillo had combined to make only 32 of 45 field-goal attempts (70.3 per cent) last year. Hajrullahu is now with Toronto and Castillo is at Bombers camp.

Justin Medlock made 42 of 47 field-goal attempts with the Tigers-Cats last season.
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Their numbers paled in comparison to Medlock, who connected on a Ticat-record, career-high 89.4 per cent of his field goals (42-of-47).

The California native played college ball at UCLA from 2003-06 and made 70 of his 80 field-goal attempts.

But his time with the team was marred by an accident in December 2005. His truck rolled over after hitting a call box on an off-ramp. His passenger, future wife Hannah Jun, suffered a neck injury, but fully recovered.

> **"I really think I can be a difference-maker."**
> Justin Medlock

Medlock was fined and sentenced to three years' probation after pleading guilty to a misdemeanour drunk-driving charge. The Bruins had suspended him the day after the accident until he was sentenced four months later.

"I'm a big advocate of safe driving," Medlock said. "You make some mistakes. Everybody makes mistakes.

"There were some big repercussions. I learned a lot from it."

Medlock was drafted by the NFL Kansas City Chiefs in 2007 (160th overall), but was released after the first regular-season game. He signed with St. Louis the following year, but was also released.

He headed north in 2009 to kick for the Argonauts, where he was 40-of-46 for field goals in 17 games and also punted.

The Washington Redskins signed him in February 2010, but it was the beginning of a year to forget with five teams.

The Redskins waived him on June 14, Detroit claimed him and waived him on June 29. He signed with Omaha of the UFL in September, but was only there for two days.

Toronto brought him back, he played four games, but was waived on Oct. 12. Two days later, he was with Edmonton, but didn't play.

"It was tough, but I got through it," Medlock said. "That was a hard point. I thought I was going to retire then."

The Eskimos traded him to Hamilton in March 2011, where he stuck for one season. Then it was off to the Carolina Panthers in 2012, Oakland in 2013 and back to the Tiger-Cats in 2014.

Medlock said he thought of retiring this off-season as it was difficult to split time between Canada and his home in Jupiter, Fla.

"You get to play a sport that you love, but I have a mortgage," he said. "Sometimes you think that it's time to move on, but I'll play as long as I can."

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Crosby's technique irks Sharks

Coach Mike Sullivan says that if Sidney Crosby is cheating in the faceoff circle, so is everyone else.

The Pittsburgh Penguins coach defended his star centre on a conference call on Thursday against charges from some San Jose Sharks that Crosby has been getting away with mischief in the faceoff circle.

Crosby won a draw in the San Jose zone that led to Conor Sheary's game-winning goal in overtime on Wednesday to give the Penguins a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup final. San Jose forward Logan Couture said Crosby is given a pass by officials "because of who he is," while defenceman Marc-Edouard Vlasic said he "should have been kicked out" on the decisive draw.

The Sharks may have been trying to get officials to watch Crosby more closely on faceoffs, but Sullivan said he is not worried.

"All centres that go in and take faceoffs are trying to get an edge," said Sullivan. "That's just the reality of it.

"They're doing the same things that our guys are doing. The way I look at it, that's all part of being a centre-iceman and trying to figure out ways to get an edge and be successful. Sid's not doing anything that their guys aren't doing. Quite honestly, it really isn't worthy of a response. My main focus is our group and our mindset going into Game 3. We want to make sure we focus on the task at hand."

Game 3 is set for Saturday in San Jose. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRENCH OPEN

Serena rallies from brink of elimination

Serena Williams
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Defending champion Serena Williams pulled out quite a comeback in the French Open quarterfinals, coming back from a set and a break down to beat Yulia Putintseva 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

How close was Williams to her earliest exit at a Grand Slam tournament since Wimbledon in 2014? Putintseva, who is from Kazakhstan and ranked only 60th, twice was a point from serving for the biggest victory of her career.

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IN BRIEF

Ali hospitalized for respiratory issue

A spokesman for boxing great Muhammad Ali says the former heavyweight champion is being treated in a hospital for a respiratory issue.

Bob Gunnell said Thursday that Ali is being treated by doctors as a precaution. He says the 74-year-old is in fair condition, but declined to say where Ali is hospitalized or when he was admitted.

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SOCCER

England defeats 10-man Portugal

Chris Smalling headed in a late goal as England finally broke down 10-man Portugal to secure an underwhelming 1-0 win in the final European Championship warmup game for Roy Hodgson's team.

Portugal, without a rested Cristiano Ronaldo at Wembley Stadium, still has another friendly Wednesday against Estonia before heading to France.

Portugal coped well Thursday after the 35th minute, when Bruno Alves was dismissed for a high kick on Harry Kane, until Smalling's 86th-minute goal.

THURSDAY In London

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England opens Euro 2016 against Russia and Portugal's first game is against Iceland.

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Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Black Bean Burger

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Make summer's ultimate dinner — the burger — healthier and more budget friendly by using black beans. This veggie burger has great depth of flavours even meat-lovers will approve of.

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 x 14 oz. cans of black beans
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup of panko (or plain breadcrumbs)
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp cayenne
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro
- 3 Tbsp oil

Directions

1. Rinse the black beans in a colander. Add one can of beans, panko, cumin, oregano, cayenne and the egg into a blender. Pulse it until it forms a purée. Empty the blender contents into a bowl. Stir in the other can of beans and the cilantro.

2. Use your hands to form into patties.

3. Heat oil in a pan to medium then gently place your patties in. Cook for 5 minutes a side.

4. Use a thin, flexible spatula to loosen the patties and flip. Cook for another 5 minutes.

5. Serve on a bun with your favourite toppings, like tomato, avocado, lettuce, salsa, spicy mayo.

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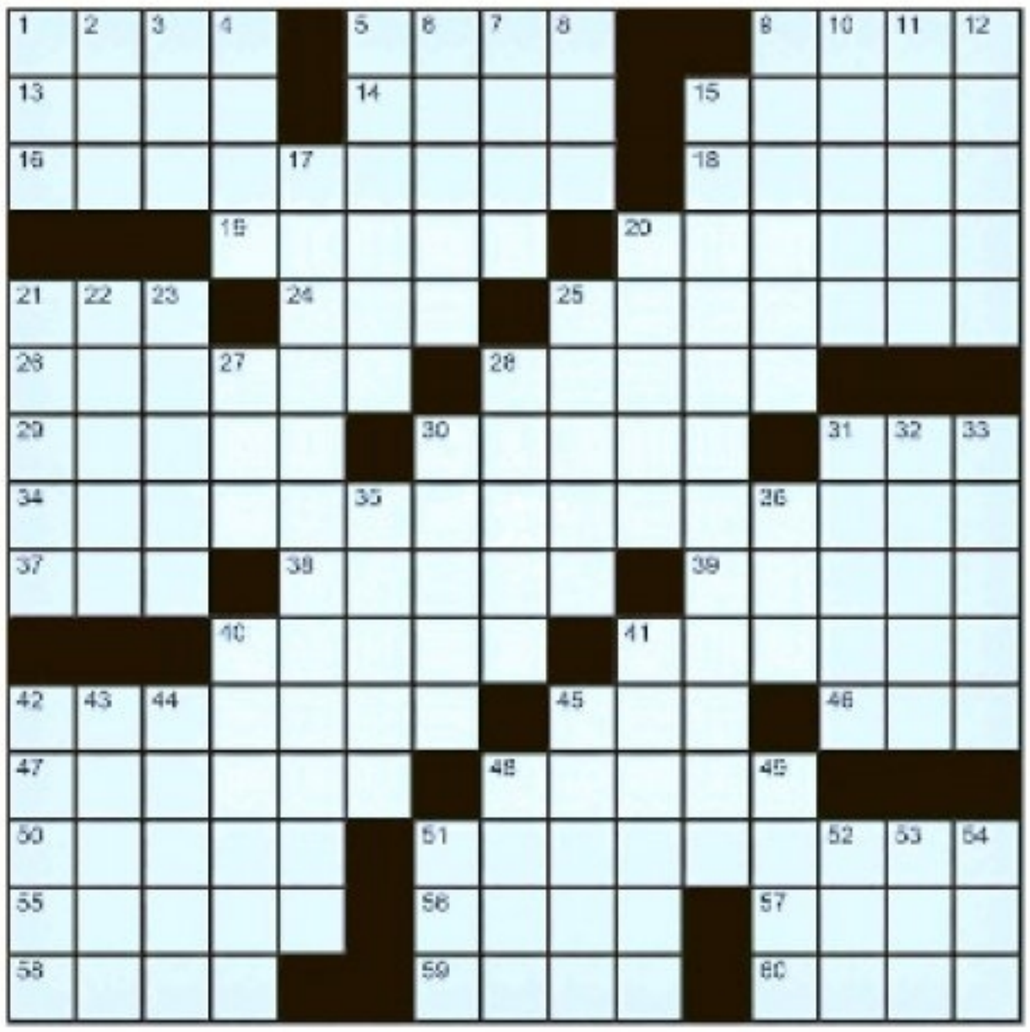

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1. Butterfly's cousin
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15. "Flashdance" (1983) star Michael
16. Particular philosophy pupil of Plato's
18. "ER" actress Laura
19. Ms. Holmes
20. Tattletale
21. 1977 Steely Dan album
24. Little laugh, _-Hee
25. Stateliness
26. Judy Garland's daughter Ms. Luft's
28. Actress Rooney, and surnamesakes
29. "_ '_ In" by Wings
30. Show ticket, informally
31. Alsatian artist Jean
34. Leading lady in "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1997): 2 wds.
37. Bill _, 'The Science Guy'
38. Joie de vivre
39. Detection device
40. The _ (Winnipeg meeting place)
41. Stow cargo in a ship's hold
42. Cultural tourist attractions
45. Nothing
46. CBC commentator Mr. Murphy
47. Llama-like animal
48. Engraved head necklace piece
50. Cache
51. Artifact recovered from HMS Erebus: 2 wds.
55. Commonplace
56. Cash register drawer
57. "Stay" by Rihanna feat. Mikky _
58. Without
59. Daisy's optimistic pal?
60. Elwy _ (Movies-loving Member of the Order of Canada)

DOWN
1. Entrepreneur's deg.
2. Atop, in verse
3. Cocktail, Mai _
4. Corn cast-off
5. Wetland in Hamilton, _ Paradise
6. Free from knots
7. Nastiness
8. Aria in Bellini's 1835 opera I Puritani: "_ __, O Cara"
9. Farm animals
10. Tomato sauce brand
11. Vertical
12. _-washy
15. "Teenage Mutant __: Out of the Shadows" (2016)
17. 'Meeting of the Waters' Nova Scotia village
20. "American Horror Story" actress Ms. Paulson
21. "Fame" (1980) actress Debbie
22. British actress Ms. Richardson
23. Bandleader Mr. Shaw
25. Village People hit: "_ Man"
27. Pince-_ (Eyeglasses style)
28. Combo canines
30. Office worker 'tables'
31. Red _ (Tree in British Columbia)
32. Steal, archaically
33. Heat-resistant glassware
35. "Objective, _!" (1945) starring Errol Flynn
36. Celebritydom's Charlotte
40. Super scrumptious spreads
41. '80s British band, _ Red
42. Boat poles
43. 'U' of UHF
44. "Never Been to _" by Three Dog Night
45. Music: Nine Inch whats?
48. Blue-_ stock
49. Carry out the command
51. Irish actor Mr. Townsend, to pals
52. Mr. _ from "Lost"
53. Initials-sharers of Phoebe's portrayer on "Friends"
54. Fate

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't take it personally if relations with siblings, relatives and neighbours are strained today. A lot of people feel this way today. It's just how it is.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Financial matters might disappoint you today. Quite likely, something will happen that makes you feel broke. Join the club; we number millions. You can overcome this hurdle another day.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Relations with partners and close friends are strained today, definitely. Just don't expect too much from anyone. Easy come, easy go. It's no big deal.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might feel lonely or cut off from others today. This is a fleeting thing. Tomorrow is a good day to make new resolutions, because it's a New Moon.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone older or more experienced might be critical of you today. (This always goes over like a lead balloon.) Just cope as best you can. Don't take it personally.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Relations with the family authority figure will not be easy today. Therefore, avoid an important discussion if you can. In fact, run the other way!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might be discouraged or worried today. Please know that this is just a temporary frame of mind; don't let it get you down. Tomorrow you can make new resolutions that are exciting.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a poor day to propose your financial ideas or to buy or sell anything, because someone will block your plans. Many people meet with obstacles today.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a dicey day for dealing with partners and close friends. However, all relationships go up and down, don't they? It's just for one day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might feel lonely or cut off from others today. The irony is that you are building the fence that imprisons you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't be discouraged if someone older criticizes you or shoots down your plans. This is happening to a lot of people today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a poor day to ask for approval or permission from anyone in a position of authority. Quite likely, the person's answer will be, "Talk to the hand." Choose another day.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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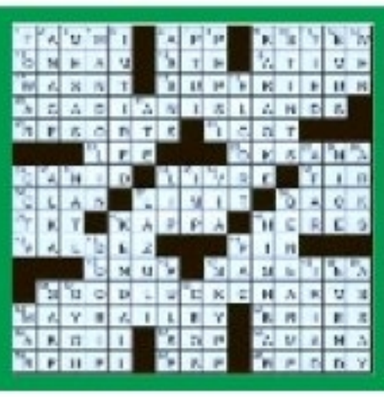

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